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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 February 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 5 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3, 4 and 6 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

2. Claim 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Inada et al. (WO00/44195).

Regarding to claim 1, Inada teaches an xDSL modem used for digital communication through a subscriber line connecting a local switch and a customer premises equipment, and which includes a digital transmitting unit 5 for performing the digital communication using a data signal, the data signal being separated by a splitter 4 from an analog control signal and a speech signal used for a telephone communication by use of an analog transmitting unit 6, the xDSL modem comprising; an evaluating unit 8 for evaluating, prior to a start of a provision of a broadband communication service, a transmission characteristic of said subscriber line based on a reception result of a signal transmitted from said local switch through said subscriber line (Page 24 Line 23-27); and a reporting unit 8 for sending out said transmission characteristic obtained by said evaluating unit

to a network through said analog transmitting unit 6 (Page 24 Line 24 – Page 25 Line 1 and Page 9 Line 2-8).

Regarding to claim 2, Inada teaches said evaluating unit includes: a requiring unit for sending out a predetermined requiring signal to the network through the analog transmitting unit (Page 24 Line 14-17); and an analyzing unit for analyzing a reception result of an analog signal according to receipt of a response signal sent back from a provider offering a broadband communication service in response to said requiring signal (Page 24 Line 23-27), the analog signal being generated by said local switch directly connected to said xDSL modem and being transmitted through said subscriber line (Page 24 Line 18-22), and for obtaining an evaluation barometer indicating said transmission characteristic of said subscriber line (Page 9 Line 2-8).

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 3, 4 and 6 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

4. Claim 5 is allowed.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 1-6 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Clemence Han whose telephone number is (571) 272-3158. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 7 - 5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Huy Vu can be reached on (571) 272-3155. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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